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SUBJECT: VISA RECIPROCITY

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1. FOLLOWING KEYED TO PARA ONE REF:

(1) FOR DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS EMBASSY PREPARES NOTE AND FILLS
OUT APPLICATION FORM AND VISAS ARE EXPEDITIOUSLY ISSUED.

(2) SAME AS ABOVE

(3) BUSINESSMEN FIND IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GET VISA IN KUWAIT
UNLESS THEY HAVE SPECIFIC INVITATION FROM SAUDI SPONSOR,
THIS COULD BE IN FORM OF LETTER OR COMMUNICATION TO THE SAUDI
EMBASSY, KUWAIT FROM THE SPONSOR. EVEN IN THESE INSTANCES
PERSONAL INTERVENTION OF CONSUL WAS REQUIRED AND VISA USUALLY
EXPEDITIOUSLY ISSUED. HOWEVER, CONSUL'S CONTACT IN EMBASSY HAS
NOW BEEN TRANSFERRED AND WE EXPECT THAT SAUDI EMBASSY WILL REVERT
TO ITS PREVIOUS STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR IRONCLAD PROOF OF
INVITATION FROM SAUDI SPONSOR.

(4) FOR DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS NO INTERVENTION WAS
REQUIRED ALTHOUGH AS PRACTICAL MATTER CONSUL SPOKE TO SAUDI
CONSUL TO ADVISE HIM THAT NOTE WAS FORTHCOMING.

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(5) BECAUSE WE BELIEVE IT WAS GOOD BUSINESS AND POLITICS WE
HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONALLY GENEROUS IN ISSUING AND EXPEDITING
VISAS TO SAUDI NATIONAL'S, OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN AND STUDENTS.
SOME HAVE COME TO KUWAIT FROM KHAFJI, NEAR THE KUWAIT BORDER,
WHICH IS CLOSER THAN DHAHRAN AND WE HAVE HONORED THEIR
APPLICATIONS. WE HAD HOPED THAT OUR EXPEDITING THEIR APPLICA-
TIONS WOULD FACILITATE TRAVEL FOR OUR BUSINESSMEN.
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